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Hon. James J. Orr Judge of the County Court 365 North Main Valentine, NE 69201

James Orr to Serve as County Court Presiding Judge for the 8th Judicial District in 2010

Judge James J. Orr has been named County Court Presiding Judge of the 8th Judicial District (Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, Howard, Keya Paha, Loup, Rock, Sherman, Valley, and Wheeler Counties) beginning January 2010. The Nebraska Supreme Court approved the nomination of Judge Orr, whose name was submitted by his fellow county court judges for the leadership position.

Judge Orr has served on the county court bench in the 8th Judicial District since taking the bench one year ago, January 1, 2009. He currently serves as Lead Judge for the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, District 8, Team 1, Nebraska Supreme Court.

As presiding judge, Orr has primary responsibility for overseeing the delivery of county court services within the 8th Judicial District. Judge Orr will serve as the liaison to other agencies of local and state government for the courts of the district and to the Nebraska State Bar Association and the media.

Presiding judges also bear the responsibility for the hiring, evaluation, and discipline of county court staff and provide county courts in the area with direction in matters of local district policy.